

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, and the allowance of claims 1-7 and 10-12. The Examiner also indicated that claims 14-16 and 19 contained allowable subject matter. Applicant makes this submission to place the allowable claims in independent form, and therefore place this application in immediate condition for allowance.

With regard to the foregoing amendments, the undersigned has amended claim 9 to change its dependency from claim 8 (now canceled) to claim 1. In addition, claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the substance of allowable claim 14, and claim 14 has been correspondingly canceled. Claim 15 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 14 to claim 13. Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 18, from which claim 19 originally depended.

Finally, rejected claims 17 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter embodied therein.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1 – 8 and 9 – 13, 15-16, and 19 are in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference

would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,


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